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New Lodge Aide Man of Legend For Bolstering Diem's Regime unorthodox but nei Hillendale.

Lansdale, Insurgency Expert Said to Have Played Key Role in Saigon in 1954

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Aug. 18 -Edward G. Lansdale once a much sung operative of the Central Intelligence Agency and now a retired Air Force major general, will bring with him eight to 10 aides when he comes here to serve as special assistant to Ambassa dor Henry Cabot Lodge, official United States sources said to

When he made a rather legendary reputation in Asia in the nineteen-fifties Mr. Lansdale had a famous "Lansdale team," which included experienced, well-informed and hardboiled inteligence experts

It could not be learned today who would be on his new team

It was reported here that a cablegram from the State Department had said Mr. Lansdale and divided Vietnam into North partment had said Mr. Lansdale assistant on pacification to Mr. Lodge, who is to arrive in was denoted and killed in the state of the s Saigon Friday.

was received with great interest by both Vietnamese and Americans. An authoritative Vietnamese source said that Premier Nguyen Cao Ky and President Nguyen Van Theiu were suspicious, but not nervous, about Mr. Lansdale's apdetent Nguyen Van Theiu barred from coming here, an orvous, about Mr. Lansdale's apdetent Nguyen Van Theiu barred from coming here, an orvous, about Mr. Lansdale's apdetent Nguyen Van Theiu barred from coming here, an orvous, about Mr. Lansdale's apdetent Nguyen Van Theiu Vietnamese and Mary Vietnamese and Mary Vietnamese and Mr. Lansdale did not serve in Vietnam during the last years of the Diem regime. Most Vietnamese and many Americans helieve that he was formally barred from coming here, an orvous, about Mr. Lansdale did not serve in Vietnam during the last years of the Diem regime. Most Vietnamese and many Americans helieve that he was formally barred from coming here, an orvous, about Mr. Lansdale did not serve in Vietnam during the last years of the Diem regime. Most Vietnamese and many Americans helieve that he was formally barred from coming here, an orvous, about Mr. Lansdale did not serve in Vietnam during the last years of the Diem regime. Most Vietnamese and many Americans helieve that he was formally barred from coming here. pointment.

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The Vietnamese added that S. McNamara and the senior these officials knew Mr. Lansdale only by reputation, which among the Vietnamese is that of a kingmaker. Those who ways far more than a man inknow Mr. Lansdale well were terested in political intrigue said to be happy at his return.

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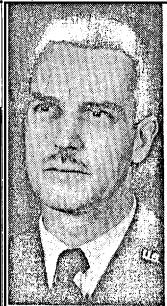
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Some historians credit Mr.
Lansdale and his team with a major role in helping Ngo Dinh Diem to overcome what appeared to be almost insurmountable difficulties facing him when he took power in 1954.

Mr. Lansdale is assumed to after the Geneva Conference be the "Colonel Hillendale" in ended the French Indochina war the novel "The Ugly American,"



United Press International Gen. Edward E. Lansdale

was deposed and killed in the The news that Mr. Lansdale fall of 1963. There is reason to believe that Mr. Lansdale had was received with great interest become discouraged even ear-

to Secretary of Defense Robert

which depicted American setbacks in Asia and lauded the unorthodox but effective Colo-

Pacification May Be Tested

One official said today that t was possible that Mr. Lans-dale and his assistants would ttempt to apply some of their pacification ideas to Vietnam province but that this was not ertain. He added that Mr. Lansdale would not arrive with Mr. Lodge Friday but would follow shortly.

Vietnamese official said hat his Government had not ocen consulted about Lans-lales appointment but had been nformed. He said that the Government had not objected.

There had been a considerable stir here already in expecta-ion of Mr. Lodge's arrival. This was based on rumors that Mr. Lodge would insist on the restoration of a civilian govern-ment. A member of the ruling military directory said that the rumors were discussed two weeks ago at a meeting of the

military leaders. The rumors may have been the cause of an outburst by Premier Ky at a news conference Aug. 7 that the Vietnamese should beware of "chains and slavery" in its ties with its al-

McNamara Opposition Reported

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 Administration sources indi-cated today that Secretary of Defense McNamara and some of his military advisers had opposed the assignment of Mr. Lansdale to Saigon.

Presumably, they were over-ruled by President Johnson on the advice of Ambassador Lodge.

State Department officials said Mr. Lansdale had been authorized to recruit a staff but the list of his assistants was still incomplete and therefore not available for publication.

The objections to Mr. Lans-dale at the Pentagon are said to be based on his service in Viet-nam a decade ago, a period of frictions between him and reg-ular chains of military com-mand. He has a reputation for individual and unorthodox forms of diplomacy but no specific examples of conflict could be obtained here today...